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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1304

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 25, 2004

BILL AMENDED: Feb 23, 2004

SUBJECT: 911 fees.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Stevenson

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Riegsecker

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a county with a municipal public safety answering point (PSAP) to submit to the municipality an annual report of expenditures of enhanced emergency telephone system fees. It assigns: (1) the contents of HB 1304 as introduced; and (2) the relationship between state and local wireless systems to the Regulatory Flexibility Committee for study during the 2004 interim. (HB 1304 as introduced requires: (1) telephone service suppliers to provide quarterly reports to the county treasurer and the municipal fiscal officer detailing collections of enhanced emergency telephone system fees from customers within the municipality; and (2) the county treasurer to remit quarterly 75% of the fees collected from customers within the municipality to the fiscal officer of the municipality.)

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Regulatory Flexibility Committee would be required to issue a report and recommendations concerning: (1) the 911 fees addressed in HB 1304 as introduced; and (2) the relationship between state and local wireless systems.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Counties that contain a municipality that operates a PSAP would be required to submit a report by January 31 annually on the expenditures of emergency telephone system fees. Counties might incur some additional expense in generating the required report. The additional expense would probably be minor.

Background: The purpose of the enhanced emergency telephone system is to enable emergency service providers to quickly reach the location of a wireless 911 call with the least amount of confusion and delay. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) determined this issue to be important and mandated standards and set phased deadlines for system upgrades in 1996.

The Indiana Wireless E911 Advisory Board is working to improve emergency service for wireless callers throughout Indiana. The Board administers the Indiana Wireless Emergency Telephone System Fund, which is used to reimburse county 911 authorities and wireless carriers for E911 system enhancements. A county or municipality, if the county chooses not to adopt an ordinance, may adopt an ordinance to impose a monthly enhanced emergency telephone system fee for each exchange access facility used in the county. The fee for a county that contains a consolidated city or at least one second class city can not exceed 3% of the average monthly telephone access line charge in the unit, and 10% for other counties.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties and Municipalities.

Information Sources:

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